

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus which checks out a content to an external device connected thereto or checks in the content from an external device connected thereto, the apparatus comprising:

a title display means for displaying a title corresponding to the content; [[and]]

a content checkout setting means for setting a plurality of contents prior to checking out the plurality of contents; and

a number of checkouts display means for displaying a number of possible checkouts for the content, wherein the number of possible checkouts represents a number that is incremented by one when the content is checked back into the apparatus.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the number of checkouts display means displays a number of possible checkouts for the content by a predetermined symbol.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

~~a content setting means for setting the content which is to be checked out;~~

a display controlling means for changing, when the content checkout setting means has set the content which is to be checked out, the existing number of possible checkouts to a one for the content set by the content checkout setting means and displaying the new number; and

a checkout means for checking out the content set by the content checkout setting means to an external device connected to the apparatus.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

~~a content setting means for setting the content which is to be checked out or in;~~

a checkout or check-in means for checking out or in the content set by the content checkout setting means to the connected external device to or from the connected external device; and

a display controlling means for changing, when the checkout or check-in means has checked out the content, the existing number of possible checkouts corresponding to the content checked out by the checkout or check-in means and displaying the new number of possible checkouts.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the display controlling means changes the existing number of possible checkouts to a one for the content checked in by the checkout or check-in means.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the number of checkouts display means displays a number of possible checkouts for the content by a predetermined musical-note.

Claim 7 (Original): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the number of checkouts display means displays a number of possible checkouts for the content by a predetermined number of symbols.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An information processing method for checking out or in a content to or from an external device connected to an information processor in which the method is adopted, comprising:

displaying a title corresponding to the content; [[and]]

setting a plurality of contents to be checked out prior to checking out the plurality of contents; and

displaying a number of possible checkouts for the content, wherein the number of possible checkouts represents a number that is incremented by one when the content is checked back into the apparatus.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 8, wherein the displaying a number of possible checkouts step displays the number of possible checkouts by a predetermined symbol.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 8, wherein the displaying a number of possible checkouts step displays the number of possible checkouts by a predetermined number of symbols.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

~~setting the content which is to be checked out;~~

changing, when the content which is to be checked out has been set at the ~~content~~ setting step, the existing number of possible checkouts to a one for the content set at the ~~content~~ setting step and displaying the new number; and

checking out the content set at the ~~content~~ setting step to an external device connected to the information processor.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

~~setting the content which is to be checked out or in;~~

checking out or in the content set at the ~~content~~ setting step to or from an external device connected to the information processor;

changing, when the content has been checked out at the content checkout or check-in step, the existing number of possible checkouts and displaying the new number of possible checkouts.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 12, wherein at the display controlling step, the number of possible checkouts is changed for the content having been checked in at the checkout or check-in step.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 8, wherein at the number of checkouts displaying step, a number of possible checkouts is displayed by a predetermined musical-note.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium having stored therein an information processing program adopted in an information processor which checks out or in a content to or from an external device connected thereto, the program comprising steps of:

displaying a title corresponding to a content; [[and]]

setting a plurality of contents to be checked out prior to checking out the plurality of contents; and

displaying a number of possible checkouts by a predetermined symbol, wherein the number of possible checkouts represents a number that is incremented by one when the content is checked back into the apparatus.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The program storage medium according to claim 15, having stored therein a computer-readable program, wherein at the number of checkouts displaying step, a number of possible checkouts for the content is displayed by a predetermined symbol.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The program storage medium according to claim 15, having stored therein a computer-readable program, the program further comprising:

~~setting the content which is to be checked out;~~

changing, when the content which is to be checked out has been set at the ~~content~~ setting step, the number of possible checkouts for the content set at the ~~content~~ setting step and displaying the new number of possible checkouts; and

checking out the content to the connected external device based on the setting made at the ~~content~~ setting step.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The program storage medium according to claim 15, having stored therein a computer-readable program, the program further comprising:

~~setting the content which is to be checked out or in;~~

checking out or in the content set at the ~~content~~ setting step to or from an external device connected to the information processor; and

changing the number of possible checkouts for the content when the content has been checked out at the checking out or in step.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The program storage medium according to claim 18, having stored therein a computer-readable program, wherein at the display controlling step, the number of possible checkouts is changed for the content having been checked out at the checking out or in step.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The program storage medium according to claim 15, having stored therein a computer-readable program, wherein at the step of displaying the number of checkouts, a number of possible checkouts is displayed by a predetermined musical-note.

Claim 21 (Original): The program storage medium according to claim 15, having stored therein a computer-readable program, wherein at the step of displaying the number of checkouts, a number of possible checkouts is displayed by a predetermined number of symbols.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): An information processor apparatus which checks out a content to an external device connected thereto or checks in the content from an external device connected thereto, the apparatus comprising:

a display device configured to display a title corresponding to the content and a number of possible checkouts for the content[[],]; and

a content checkout setting device configured to set a plurality of contents prior to checking out the plurality of contents,

wherein the number of possible checkouts represents a number that is incremented by one when the content is checked back into the apparatus.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the display device displays a number of possible checkouts for the content by a predetermined symbol.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 23, further comprising:

~~a content setting unit configured to set the content which is to be checked out;~~

a display changing unit configured to change, when the content checkout setting ~~unit~~ device has set the content which is to be checked out, the existing number of possible checkouts to a one for the content set by the content checkout setting ~~unit~~ device and displaying the new number; and

a checkout unit configured to checkout the content set by the content checkout setting ~~unit~~ device to an external device connected to the apparatus.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 23, further comprising:

~~a content setting unit configured to set the content which is to be checked out or in;~~

a checkout or check-in unit configured to checkout or check-in the content set by the content checkout setting ~~unit~~ device to the connected external device or to or from the connected external device; and

a display controlling unit configured to change, when the checkout or check-in unit has checked out the content, the existing number of possible checkouts corresponding to the

content checked out by the checkout or check-in unit and display the new number of possible checkouts.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the display controlling unit is further configured to change the existing number of possible checkouts to a one for the content checked in by the checkout or check-in unit.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the display unit is further configured to display a number of possible checkouts for the content by a predetermined musical-note.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the display unit is further configured to display a number of possible checkouts for the content by a predetermined number of symbols.